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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with local rain.

Weather synopsis: Shallow ridge over the Middle East.

City	Yesterday's High	Yesterday's Low	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	24	16-25	17-20
Golan	31	19-20	16-18
Nabatieh	34	22-23	18-21
Safed	37	23-24	20-23
Haifa Port	38	24-25	21-24
Tiberias	39	25-26	22-25
Nazareth	44	28-29	25-28
Azusa	46	29-30	26-29
Sharon	49	31-32	28-31
Tel Aviv	42	26-27	26-29
B-G Airport	40	24-25	25-28
Jericho	47	31-32	28-31
Gaza	57	36-37	31-34
Beersehe	67	46-47	41-44
Elaz	67	46-47	41-44
Tiran Straits	33	19-21	21-27

Social and Personal

The speaker of the Austrian parliament, Anton Benya, was yesterday guest of honor at a dinner given by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. Also attending were Austrian Ambassador Dr. Johann Nestor, the Knesset Deputy Speaker, and members of the Knesset delegation who visited Austria in May.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol was last night host in the Knesset to the seven Canadian mayors touring the country as guests of his ministry.

U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating and Nobel prizewinner Prof. Hans Bethe and his wife last night called on Weizmann Institute president Israel Dostrovsky and his wife.

Hanna Helman will speak on "Food for Diabetics, especially Juvenile Diabetes" at a meeting of the Haifa branch of the Israel Diabetes Association on Thursday, March 14, at 8.30 p.m. at Beit Harofe.

Friday's Jerusalem Vocal News-Program at Beit Ha'am will hear Prison Service Director Arie Nir speak on "Practices and Discipline in Israeli Prisons." Also on the programme are Shaul Menashe of the Broadcasting Authority, speaking on "The Hardening of the Syrian Position," and Dr. Pinchas Pelai on "The Wisdom of the Heart" in the weekly portion. Time is 8 p.m.

Dr. David Ussishkin will speak on "The Lachish Excavations" on Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. at Jerusalem's Beit Agon, in one of the series of lectures on archaeology presented by the Jerusalem Municipality and the Israel Exploration Society. The public is invited.

Mr. A. W. Nielsen, Chairman of Carlsberg-Tuborg Breweries, and Mrs. Nielsen, accompanied by Mr. E. Bryen and Mr. M.C. Hoppeck, the firm's managing director and general manager, visited Yafshem on Sunday. Also visiting the institution were Baron Alexis Goldschmidt-Rothschild and Mr. W.H. Robinson, guests of the Mayor of Jerusalem. Dr. Haim Pasmor of the Yafshem directorate accompanied the visitors, and presented them with remembrance pins on the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles where three trees are planted in honour of the people of Denmark.

BIRTH
GRINZBERG — To Nechama and Joseph, Jerusalem, a daughter, Chana-Chava, sister to Benjamin, granddaughter to Rabbi and Mrs. C. Grinzberg, Beverly Hills, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. I. Topola, Brooklyn, N.Y.

IN MEMORIAM
The Hebrew University yesterday held a memorial meeting for John S. Cohen of London, a member of the university's board of governors, who passed away last week. The meeting took place in the John S. Cohen Hall on the Givat Ram campus. University vice-president Bernard Cherrick and Aviad Yaffe, WK, spoke in memory of the deceased.

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'Goren didn't say it was forbidden'
BURG EXPLAINS NRP COALITION DECISION

Jerusalem Post Staff
Interior Minister Yosef Burg said yesterday that while Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren had ruled that the National Religious Party "should not be permitted" to join the coalition, the Rabbi had not said it should be forbidden.

Dr. Burg was explaining to reporters the NRP's decision to drop its insistence on immediate legal changes to recognize only Orthodox conversions. He called the conditions the NRP had obtained for its participation better in terms of Jewish values than those it had obtained in previous coalitions.

Speaking in his Jerusalem office, Dr. Burg said the country's Chief Rabbi had given the NRP different answers on whether or not it should join the new Government. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef had refused to intervene, saying the matter was a political one to be left to the politicians to decide.

Askenazi Chief Rabbi Goren had, it was true, said the coalition joining was not to be permitted. But, Dr. Burg added, in a private conversation with him, Rabbi Goren had refrained from saying that it was "forbidden" for the party to join.

Through the new coalition agreement, the NRP had obtained recognition from its coalition partners that conversion was a matter for halakha (Jewish religious law), Dr. Burg stressed. He pointed out that Prime Minister Golda Meir had declared that the Government would treat the matter as such. This was a Jewish and a moral achievement, he declared.

By joining the coalition, the NRP had prevented the Alignment from shifting leftward, he said. It had also thus prevented the *kulturnikim* (bustle between State and religion) which might have followed had Shulamit Aloni and her colleagues joined in their stead.

Dr. Burg was pleased that the coalition agreement preserved the religious status quo, especially with respect to marriage and divorce, the Sabbath and *kashrut*. He pointed



An Army reservist is fingerprinted, in accordance with a new regulation which calls for a complete fingerprint record of all reservists.

Alignment MKs table bill to reform vote system

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Twelve Alignment MKs have tabled a private members' bill to reform the electoral system. The bill, which proposes to replace the present system of proportional representation according to countrywide lists, would substitute a mixed system, returning most MKs from constituencies, and a smaller number from countrywide lists.

Labour's Gad Ya'acobi and his 11 co-sponsors who signed the bill do not actually specify details about the constituencies. They are thought, however, to have in mind 13 constituencies of five MKs each, plus another 30 MKs to be elected on the same countrywide system as of now.

Although an identical bill obtained the requisite absolute majority of 61 votes on the preliminary reading in the Seventh Knesset, it did not receive approval on the formal first

Congratulations from Nixon to Golda

Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Nixon has sent Prime Minister Golda Meir a special message expressing his congratulations on the establishment of the new government, it was announced yesterday.

"With the formation of a new government, and its approval by the Knesset, Israel has once again demonstrated its democratic vigour."

"You have my admiration, Madam Prime Minister, for the energy and resolve with which you have given effect to the popular will."

"I extend my congratulations and best wishes for the success of the government you lead, as we strive together for our common goal of a just and enduring peace in the Middle East."

"Sincerely, Richard Nixon."

In another message, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger sent congratulations to Mr. Abba Eban on his reappointment as Israel's Foreign Minister. The Secretary expressed the hope that the close working relationship between himself and Mr. Eban would continue.

The message was delivered to the Foreign Ministry by the U.S. Ambassador Mr. Kenneth Keating, who attached his own good wishes to the Minister.

Man shoots at Panther chiefs

A young man allegedly shot at two leaders of the Black Panther movement in Jerusalem Saturday night, missing both of them.

Yakov Abergil and Sandra Marcano were in the Panther headquarters on Rehov Shmuel Yisrael when the attacker allegedly burst in, fired at them with a pistol and fled.

The same evening, the driver of a Volkswagen complained to the police that a young man, about 20, stopped him and threatened him with a pistol. The car owner said he was forced to take the man on a search for members of the Abergil family. When none were at home, the young man vanished, he said.

The police believe the same man was involved in both incidents, tact with the individual member

PARIS MAGAZINE REPORT
'French air secrets are leaked to Israel'

PARIS (JTA). — The French weekly "Le Point" reports that French military security officials suspect Jewish engineers, who are working in the aeronautic and armament industry, of leaking technical information to Israel. The security services are currently investigating the matter, according to the weekly.

In this week's issue "Le Point" reveals military security suspicion was aroused when officials noticed that the Israeli military industry was currently using methods and techniques similar to those classified as secret in France.

The magazine article confirms a recent report here that on February 25, Prime Minister Pierre Messmer and officials from the Military Security Secret Service (counter-espionage), examined files on suspected espionage activities by Jewish engineers in the electronics and armaments industries. The report appeared in the confidential magazine "Expansion" and said the Ministers of Interior, Justice and Foreign Affairs were present at the weekly.

There has been no official government confirmation of the report.

The Jerusalem Post yesterday learned that graduates of the Technion's Aeronautical Engineering Faculty are continuing to get practical training experience in the French aircraft industry. The scheme was instituted in the early 1960s, when Israel was one of the important customers for French military aircraft, and it was never abrogated.

Faculty Dean Professor Avinoam Libal said that each year four or six of the graduates go to France for six months of practical training in aircraft work, before returning to work in Israeli plants.

The graduates go to France after completing their studies in September, at the end of the academic year. Last year, four graduates went to France under the scheme, but it is not certain whether it will go this year, because of the disruption in the academic year caused by the war.

The International Students Exchange Scheme (IESTA) is a fundamental in placing Israeli students in sophisticated industries abroad during the summer holidays and foreign students come here to work in exchange. The Israeli Branch of IESTA runs such exchange schemes with 24 countries, including France.

ALUF MAGEN BURIED WITH HONOURS

TEL AVIV. — Aluf Kalman Magen, the October War division commander who died of a heart attack Sunday at the age of 45, was buried yesterday with full military honours at the Kiryat Shaul military cemetery.

Attending the funeral were Chief of Staff David Elazar, Army Chief Chaplain Mordechai Piron, an ex-Armored Corps commander, and such ex-Armored Corps figures as Yitzhak Rabin, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Tel Aviv Mayor Shimon Lahav and members of the family.

Eulogizing the late general, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan recalled him as a man who had minimized rather than exaggerated his importance. The Israel Defence Forces Dayan added, were burying a commander who had known how to fight shoulder to shoulder with his comrades.

Jackson denies compromise with Dr. K on emigration

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — U.S. Senator Henry Jackson (Dem., Washington) last night denied over Israel radio that he had reached any compromise with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger over his proposed amendment concerning Soviet emigration.

Jackson had reportedly agreed to drop his proposal for making trade privileges for the Soviets contingent on free emigration from Russia, in return for the Soviets allowing 30,000 Jews a year to depart. Branding this as false, the Senator told Israeli radio reporter Sarah Frankel by telephone from the U.S. that he had never even discussed such a compromise with Dr. Kissinger.

A PIONEER OF ABSTRACT art in Israel, Yehezkel Streichman, is being featured in a one-man show opening today at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The exhibit, in the Guggenheim Museum, will include 18 large-scale canvases, the product of 15 years of work.

Moav's proposal has some similarity to the Ya'acobi system as far as the five man constituency goes, but he adds a system of the transferred vote, whereby the voter indicates his preferences in order of numbers. This, Moav points out, resembles the system in practice for many years in Australia and the Irish Republic whereby a candidate who fails to reach the minimum qualifying percentage can have his votes transferred to another candidate according to the voters' wishes.

Meshel urged Histadrut workers to show unity

through the local Labour Council, which would extend help and free legal advice for personal problems.

A new approach on the part of the kibbutzim and cooperative settlements to labour relations with hired workers was suggested by Mr. Meshel when he advocated including the workers of kibbutzim and the moshavim in the regional Labour Councils. (In existing practice, the settlements are organized among themselves, not regionally). He also advocated cooperation between the industrial enterprises, as a way of solving the thorny problem of hired labour.

Eradication of poverty was one of the targets to be achieved speedily, Mr. Meshel said. "Some 100,000 families still subsist on what they receive from the National Insurance Institute or social welfare allowances," he said.

The main effort, however, should be directed towards providing free education for all from the ages of three to 18. The "will to learn" should be fostered by the Histadrut's Educational Department, but Mr. Meshel also called on the Government to divert to the Labour Councils the cultural facilities now available only in clubs and premises belonging to local authorities.

Mr. Meshel also promised "to renew the dialogue between the Histadrut and the teachers — there is nothing in the Ministry of Education rules which prevents us from doing it." He also wanted the history of the Labour movement in Israel to be included in the curriculum of elementary and secondary schools.

Some 10 per cent of the Histadrut membership of 1,200,000 were Arabs and Druse. Mr. Meshel said. Their number had increased fourfold since 1960. The professional interests of the Arab and Druse are gradually being transferred to the regional Labour Councils, where all workers receive equal attention. Local Labour Councils will also be established in purely Arab and Druse localities.

Mr. Meshel warned of the "impending confrontation between mechanization and machine," urging more education among workers to overcome the impact of mechanization on the individual. He recommended not only incentive pay, but also "transforming the production unit into a firm collective society in which workers are given more say in management and participate in profits." This, he urged, should be developed in the first place in Histadrut-sponsored enterprises.

The staff of the Department of Mechanics of the Technion offer sincere condolences to

Dr. ELI JASWON
and his family on the death of his

FATHER

We deeply mourn the death of

ILKA FRANK
(née SPITZER)

who passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 10, 1974, at 3.00 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv

for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. Shiva will take place at the son's house, Yoel Paran (Frank), 19 Rehov Barak, Zahala, Tel Aviv.

THE FAMILY

The Management and Staff of

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deeply mourn the untimely passing of their dear friend

ZVI AVRAMI

and extend sincere condolences to the family and his colleagues in the Dan Hotels Corporation.

Soldiers fund lottery opens

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — President Katsir will today open this year's lottery of the Soldiers Welfare Association, which aims at selling IL5.5m. worth of tickets at IL5 each, Aluf (Res.) Ya'acov Peri, chairman of the association, told the press here.

There will be 3,333 prizes, including 20 3 1/2 room flats and ten cars. The association spends 10 per cent of its lottery income to buy the prizes.

Last year's lottery yielded IL3,370,000. The new disposition of the Defence Forces, as well as the larger number of soldiers in the field, impose extra duties on the association, Mr. Peri said. Since the Yom Kippur war, the association has provided 530 television sets,

21,000 transistors, 51,000 games and 200,000 books to the troops, in addition to 80,000 balaklava caps and 580,000 items for personal hygiene.

This summer, the association plans to arrange five-to-seven-day vacations for each soldier on active service in one of the regular recreation camps the association runs at Ashkelon, Netanya, Acre and a new centre in Givat Beit.

Mr. Peri explained that the association does not send television sets to units stationed deep in Sinai because reception there is poor. However, the association is ready to contribute IL5.5m towards the building of a relay station and two amplifiers, at an estimated cost of IL3.5m, if the rest of the budget can be covered from other sources.

CABINET MEN MEET THEIR STAFFS
First day on the job for new ministers

Jerusalem Post Staff
Newcomers in the Cabinet, installed on Sunday, began their first day on the job yesterday. They talked with workers in the various ministries, met with department heads, and moved into their new offices.

At Building 200 in Hakdura, the new Labour Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, surprised workers by coming in at 7.15 a.m.

Following a tour of the offices, Mr. Rabin met with the Ministry's works committee. Later, he was introduced to departmental heads by outgoing Minister Yosef Almog, who took the opportunity to thank the officials for their loyalty and devotion during his six-year tenure as Labour Minister.

Turning to Mr. Rabin, Almog quipped, "You will probably enjoy better relations with the Histadrut than I did, since you have never been mentioned as a potential secretary of that organization."

Mr. Rabin replied he felt good about taking over a Ministry that has earned a favourable image for itself in the public's eye thanks to the enviable record built up by Mr. Almog. With the public's credibility in the Government already weakened, Mr. Rabin continued, public servants should beware of raising false hopes among citizens. He had, the Ministry officials, "Do not promise anything you cannot

deliver... and keep your eyes and ears open to things that must be changed."

The newly appointed Communications Minister, Aharon Ussan, also visited his new bailiwick yesterday, in the main Post Office building on Rehov Yafé. He met with his fellow-Cabinet member, Shimon Peres, who transferred the office to him in a modest ceremony prior to taking up his new position of Minister of Information.

The official amalgamation of the Ministries of Development and Commerce and Industry went almost unnoticed yesterday. Workers at the former spent part of the day at staff meetings, discussing possible changes in the administrative structure of their Ministry. Both Ministries will be headed by Haim Bar-Lev, who served in the previous Cabinet as Minister of Commerce and Industry.

As of last night, no staff changes or appointments were announced by any of the Ministries.

The new Housing Minister, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, said during a brief ceremony yesterday morning that he would try to instill a sense of mission among ministry workers in an attempt to meet the great expectations the public has of the ministry.

He said great social pressures are likely to be felt in the coming years. He said the

enormous housing achievements of the State are sometimes forgotten. Mr. Rabinowitz served as Tel Aviv's mayor for the past four years.

The new Absorption Minister, Shmuel Rosen, will take over his new office this morning. He will not have far to move from his previous premises two doors down, where he has been serving as deputy minister for the past year.

Yesterday, both Mr. Rosen and outgoing minister Nathan Peled cleared their desks for the move.

Aluf (Res.) Aharon Yariv yesterday took over as the new Transport Minister from the outgoing Minister Shimon Peres, who is taking over the newly created Information Ministry and his deputy, Gad Ya'acobi.

At a meeting with Ministry director-general Dan Hiram and with department heads in Jerusalem, Mr. Yariv said that he had been surprised to be given the transport portfolio.

"Although I served as a transport officer in the Jewish Brigade a long time ago, this does not make me an expert on transportation," he quipped.

Mr. Yariv may not find it necessary to appoint a Deputy Ministry, as Mr. Peres did, since the Transport and Communications Ministries are now separated and headed by a Minister each.

הכרזה מן הלאה

Eban to U.S. for talks on Soviet interference, Syria disengagement

JERUSALEM, March 12, 1974 — Foreign Minister Eban indicated yesterday that the Soviet Union's recent "unbalanced" policy in the Middle East would be a main topic of his talks in Washington this Thursday with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on disengagement with Syria.

Eban was talking to reporters here before leaving for Washington for the talks, which he hoped would be procedural.

The international press is full of reports that Eban might meet with King Hussein while in Washington, saying he expected the Jordanian monarch to leave U.S. capital on the day of Eban's arrival.

Kissinger had invited him to Washington to discuss the next step towards obtaining a disengagement agreement with Syria, Mr. Eban said, adding how Israel will carry out its obligation and a senior representative within two weeks.

Eban did not deal with actual proposals for disengagement, but only with the procedures for the agreement talks.

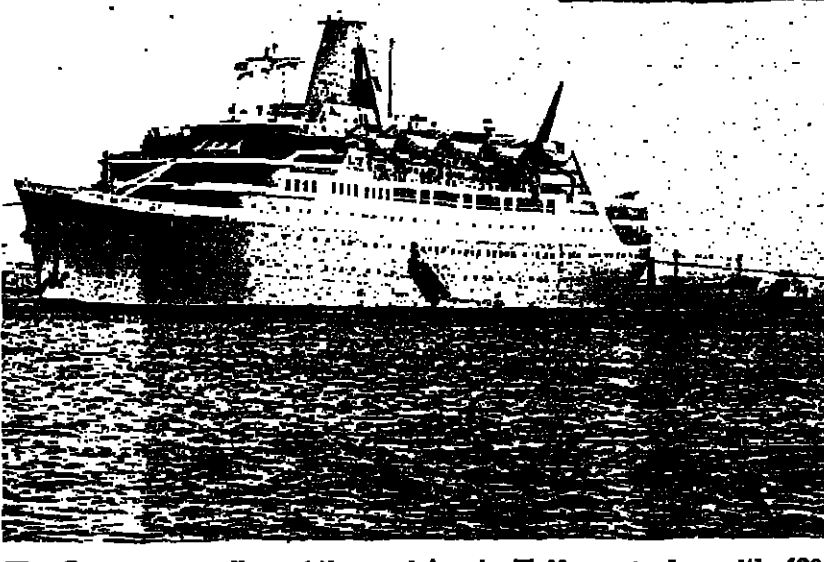
In answer to a question, Mr. Eban said it had yet been decided whether Defense Minister Moshe Dayan would represent Israel at the disengagement talks. It would first be necessary to see what Syria's position is on the level at which the talks will be conducted, he explained.

He would ask Dr. Kissinger how he evaluated Soviet policy in the Middle East, Mr. Eban said. This was especially important since Israel was concerned at last week's unbalanced statement by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Syrian President Hafez Assad on a possible new outbreak of war in the region. This and other recent Soviet declarations had to be viewed seriously, especially as the Soviet Union is a co-chairman of the Geneva talks.

After the recent tension on the Golan front, Mr. Eban continued, the U.S. is more interested than ever in getting disengagement talks started.

On his way home from the U.S., Mr. Eban plans to stop off in London for talks with new British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan. He said that recent developments in Europe, including the results of the recent energy conference, had created a better atmosphere there for Israel. He added that in his exchange of visits this summer with French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert, he would go to Paris before Mr. Jobert comes to Jerusalem.

Mr. Eban was seen off at the airport by U.S. Ambassador Kenneth B. Keating and senior Foreign Ministry officials.



The Greek luxury liner Atlas arriving in Haifa yesterday with 420 American tourists.

Greek ship resuming calls

HAIFA — The Greek Epirotiki and shipping lines yesterday resumed their cruises to Haifa, following the interruption resulting from the war. The company's flag ship, the 16,000-ton luxury liner "Atlas," arrived in the morning with 420 American tourists, who paid up to \$1,000 for the 15-day voyage.

The ship arrived from Cyprus and had earlier called at Alexandria and Beirut, as part of its eastern Mediterranean cruise. During their stay, the tourists will visit Jerusalem and Galilee and enjoy an evening of Israeli folklore on board ship.

The ship's master, Captain Spyros Kolytas, who has been coming to Haifa for almost 20 years, told reporters that this year the company's ships will call in Haifa 20 times, for visits of three days, bringing a total of about 10,000 tourists. The company has a fleet of 12 cruise ships and concentrates on sailing in the eastern Mediterranean.

Israel needs \$350m. no from world Jewry

JERUSALEM Post Economic Reporter — Israel needs \$350m. from world Jewry in cash right now — this was the message given by Aryeh Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, to a fact-finding mission from the United Jewish Appeal. They convened in Israel last night for a three-day investigation and survey (ending on Thursday), on the needs justifying this special appeal.

The UJA has undertaken an overall campaign target of \$1,250m. during an 18-month period, but this includes pledges, and the campaign extends until March of next year.

Mr. Dulzin said: "The Agency faces a critical shortage of cash with which to meet its minimal obligations between now and June."

"Since the beginning of the Kippur War, over 22,000 immigrants have come to Israel. They are to find absorption centres almost full, and a slowdown in house construction, which necessitated placing of many newcomers in costly hotel accommodation," he said.

"In the light of these crucial ups, we call upon the UJA in America to assure the speedy transmission of its own \$250m. share of the cash goal between now and June. The remaining \$100m. will be raised in countries other than the U.S. Chairman of the 45-man mission is Gerald Colburn, of Milwaukee."

Soviet olim criticize Kissinger

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Russian immigrants in Israel have called U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in protest to his request at the U.S. Senate to reject the Jackson Amendment. "This position is a direct descendant of the U.S. policy in the 1930s and 1940s, which ended in Nazi gas chambers in World War Two," the cable said.

The action committee of New Yorkers from the Soviet Union told the cable. The group includes such activists as Yasha Kazakov, Yekha Alexandrovitch, Lea Shloim, Yitzhak Tulcan and Emanuel benker.

The Jackson Amendment seeks to make the granting of most-favored-nation trade status to the USSR conditional upon the Soviets letting the Jews out.

The cable says Kissinger's claim that the Jackson Amendment will lead the Soviets to stop whatever emigration is already trickling out, is a cynical invitation to the Soviet authorities to do just that and to intensify prosecution.

The group's message to Dr. Kissinger stresses that "Jews in the Soviet Union, and we who have succeeded in leaving that country, are convinced that Jackson's Amendment enacted into law will be an effective instrument for forcing Soviet authorities to grant free immigration."

The fact that the USSR allows only some 35,000 Jews to emigrate yearly, "means it will take 100 years until three million Soviet Jews gain freedom."

The Action Committee says that the Jewish annual birthrate in the USSR is itself greater than the numbers which the Russians are allowing out.

Meanwhile the Committee has issued a call that the trial of Rabbi Meir Kahane for an alleged attempt to sabotage Soviet leader Brezhnev's U.S. visit last June not be held behind closed doors. The Committee "in no way agrees with the activities of Rabbi Kahane or the JDL in Israel," but "he has a right to speak his mind in public."

The Committee also takes issue with the Prime Minister's statement that the publication of details of the Government's activities on behalf of immigration from the USSR would not benefit Israel's foreign relations.

The group has issued a call that an "open discussion in the Knesset and the public arena to examine ways in which to bring about greater immigration from the USSR."

Five held in kidnapping of Jerusalem publisher

JERUSALEM Post Arab Affairs Reporter — Police yesterday said they have detained five Arab residents of Jerusalem and the area in connection with the month-long disappearance of Youssef Nasri Nasr, publisher and editor of the Old City weekly, "al-Fajr" (The Dawn).

A high-ranking police official told The Jerusalem Post that a decision would be taken today on whether to remand the five men. The identity of the detainees was not disclosed.

Earlier yesterday, a police spokesman said the five were taken into custody after police narrowed the investigation to "suspicion of abduction."

Nasr disappeared under mysterious circumstances over a month ago, presumably while on his way home from his newspaper offices one midnight. His sudden disappearance sparked off various suggestions, including the charge that he was kidnapped by elements sympathizing with the local traditional leadership and Jordan, which "al-Fajr" used to attack vigorously.

Reports that Nasr was abducted and transferred to Amman were categorically denied by Jordanian officials last week.

Nasr's sister, Mrs. Hat Ajlouni, a U.S. citizen who has been in Jerusalem since her brother's disappearance, has offered a \$100,000 reward to informants leading to the whereabouts of her brother.

Iran agrees to match postponed by war

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Iranian Lawn Tennis Federation has now dropped an 18-month demand that Iran be given a walkover against Israel in the Davis Cup, and suggested that the two countries play off their much-disputed European zone preliminary in either Tehran or Abadan from April 5 to 7.

These dates in the Davis Cup match with Iran continue to pose problems for the Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA). With its Passover international championships due to start in Tel Aviv on April 5 and the presence of the Davis Cup team required at this major local event, the ILTA has proposed to the Iranian opposite number that instead the tie be held from April 2-4.

The Iranians based their claim for a walkover when Israel failed to play the tie in Tehran in October, as originally scheduled. In November, the Davis Cup negotiations committee accepted the ILTA's explanation that it had been impossible to do because of the war, and ruled that a new date should be fixed for the match. But Iran has since failed to respond to numerous Israeli requests to reschedule the event.

The fixture has been dogged by controversy ever since the draw for the 1974 competition was made in London last July, with Israel originally given a home tie, but Iran then being awarded the choice of venue after an appeal to the Davis Cup committee. Then the Iranians insisted on the match taking place from October 9-11, rejecting the ILTA's appeal that these dates clashed with the 1973 Israel International Championships in Tel Aviv. This negative attitude of Iran prompted some members of the association's management committee to urge Israel to pull out of the tie altogether in protest. A majority decided against such a drastic step, but the war then intervened.

Israel's aircraft industry better than Western Europe's

JERUSALEM Post Economic Reporter — Israel's aircraft industry is — after the U.S. — one of the most productive in the world, according to Benjamin F. Schenker, editor of the American publication "The Armed Forces Journal."

Writing before a House of Representatives sub-committee in Washington last December, he said: "Israel's aircraft industry is by far the most efficient in the world. 1972 sales averaged \$24,200 per employee per year. That's 27 per cent ahead of our closest competitors, Canada and Israel, at \$20,000; 64 per cent ahead of the U.S. in Western Europe, which is many at \$14,800; 1.6 times more efficient than the aerospace industry of European NATO as a whole, at \$9,500; 2.5 times more than Japan's aerospace sector, at \$9,700; and 4.7 times more efficient than England's at \$7,400; over four times more efficient than the U.S. in sales per employee per year."

He suggests that output in IAI's aircraft industry is itself appreciably higher per capita than the aviation industries of Western Europe or Japan.

Another American publication, "Aviation Week," reports that a self-manufactured Arava plane used by the Israel Defense Forces during the October war for logistical evacuation, transport of correspondents and other personnel, and carrying of medical supplies, military equipment, and heavy mail.

These aircraft operated from Israel to within 20 kms. of the front lines, and later on the bank of the Suez Canal. They were able to use an airstrip 450 metres long: "Only light planes or copters could have accomplished this mission." (The Arava is a 12-15 short take off and land plane.)

Also, the Arava's ability to fly 35 metres above ground level, the advantageous, since the planes were being flown within the SAM-6 missile range.

Similarly, two Westwind executive jets were placed at the disposal of the Defence Ministry when hostilities began. One of them was among the first aircraft to land at Fayid airport on the Egyptian side of the Canal.

"Aviation Week" goes on to record ingenious quick-solutions evolved by IAI for urgent technical problems. Helicopter crews were given jobs for mending (in the field) helicopter blades hit by bullets. The method "consists of an aluminium patch made with polyurethane tape, which is glued to the blade with fibre-glass."

Basketball star barred from leaving country

TEL AVIV — Israel national basketball team player Jack Binar, who is being sued by another basketball player for IL100,000, was yesterday barred from leaving the country.

The District Court here issued the order at the request of Avraham Gott of the Tel Aviv Hapoel team. Gott three years ago brought suit against Binar for allegedly maliciously injuring him during a game between Tel Aviv Hapoel and Jerusalem Beter. The suit has yet to go to trial.

A previous order barring Binar from leaving the country was cancelled a month ago to permit the player to go to the U.S. with his team. (Itm)

Court: Couple can change contractors

JERUSALEM District Court Reporter — The Jerusalem District Court has annulled a temporary injunction it has issued forbidding an Eilat-Karmel couple from hiring another contractor to renovate their house. The original contractor, Mr. Yitzhak Bachar, claimed that he had contracted to renovate the house of Ya'acov and Esther Marsel, but had been forced to suspend work when he was called up for the Yom Kippur war. He claimed that the couple had tired of waiting and hired another contractor.

But on February 20, the court, cancelled the temporary injunction, which it had earlier issued *ex parte*, in the absence of the Marsels. It found that already in November 1973 Mr. Marsel had asked the contractor Mr. Bachar whether he minded if he hired another contractor, and that Mr. Bachar replied that he had no objections.

Youth drowns in Solomon's Pools

A Beersheba youth drowned yesterday in Solomon's Pools south of Jerusalem after he insisted on trying to swim there despite a watchman's warnings.

Prosper Abege, 20, who had arrived at the spot with a group of friends, disappeared from view after he suddenly leapt into one of the pools — ancient reservoirs built to supply Jerusalem in Second Temple times. Divers brought to the site by police recovered the body, which was sent for an autopsy. (Itm)

Local authorities expect big deficit

JERUSALEM Post Reporter — The local authorities in Israel are expected to have a deficit of IL640m. during the 1974-75 fiscal year.

This emerged on Sunday during a meeting between officials of the Ministry of Finance, the Interior Ministry and representatives of the Union of Local Authorities.

The meeting was to take up the question of how to get the cities and local councils out of the red, to avoid having to curtail municipal services.

The IL640m. deficit will come out of a total budget of IL2,925m. designated for the combined local authorities in the country. The Union of Local Authorities spokesman said that the estimated joint income of all the authorities would be some IL2,300m.

He said that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir had promised to increase the regular allowance and education grants, which the local authorities receive.

The local authorities have promised to tighten their belts.

COUNCIL SETS PRIORITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

JERUSALEM Post Reporter — The Youth Authority in the Prime Minister's Office has established a scale of priorities for every proposal contained in the Report on Disadvantaged Youth, which was published last summer. "That is an achievement," Sgan-Aluf (Res.) Baruch Levy, head of the Authority, told the press in his office in Jerusalem yesterday.

He explained that the report itself did not establish priorities for its multitude of proposals.

Mr. Levy added that his work until now had been largely organizational and that the war had inevitably slowed down progress.

The Authority's advisory committee, composed of 10 professors and experts, has been meeting bi-weekly since January. Mr. Levy said. This has been paralleled by meetings with representatives of the 12 ministries and agencies which are involved in youth work. The Authority's public council, with 35 to 40 members, includes representatives of neighbourhood committees, "Panthers," welfare recipients, and young people who make up the "target group" of the Authority.

The advisory committee is headed by Dr. Yisrael Katz, former head of the National Insurance Institute and coordinator of the Disadvantaged Youth report.

Mr. Levy said that lack of trained manpower is a problem hampering progress in many aspects of the Authority's work. He said that the Education, Welfare, Labour and Defence Ministries all run youth-leader training programmes. Unifying and standardizing these programmes would raise their level and result in more people entering the field and staying in it.

A Ministerial Committee on Social Problems, similar to other cabinet-level committees, is under discussion now and may function as part of the Supreme Social Council the Government is planning to set up.

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Back to work in UK as Wilson drafts middle-of-road programme

By ALAN HARVEY
LONDON (Reuters). — Britain returned to full-time working yesterday while Prime Minister Harold Wilson prepared to unveil a political programme carefully balanced between radical Labour Party objectives and the need to survive in Parliament without a majority.

Wilson celebrated his 58th birthday yesterday as the coalminers went back to work after a four-week strike and five-day working resumed throughout British industry.

Today Queen Elizabeth outlines the new Government's legislative programme in her traditional speech from the throne when she opens the new Parliament elected on February 28.

After being in power for just one week, Wilson scheduled a traditional eve-of-session party for middle-rank ministers last night to give them a preview of the government's legislative priorities.

Two major points of the programme are expected to be a promise to seek renegotiation of Britain's terms of entry into the European Common Market and a new deal for industrial relations, replacing laws which contributed to the downfall of the previous Conservative government.

Measures of wide popular appeal — food subsidies, improved pensions, price curbs and housing reforms — were also thought to be high on the action list of a Prime Minister who has one eye on a possible election within the next year.

Other possible moves included a measure of self-rule for Scotland and Wales. This would be designed to win support of new nationalist fringe groups in Parliament.

But Mr. Wilson was expected to go slow on plans for large-scale State ownership, strongly favoured by his left wing. Because of Labour's shaky hold on power, this was likely to be reluctantly accepted by the militants.

Wilson has to tread a delicate line to win international confidence in a fragile parliamentary situation in which Labour is nearly 20 votes short of an overall majority.

He has fulfilled his first promise — to get Britain's 270,000 coal miners back on the job. Most of the nation's 260 pits were working yesterday for the first time in four months, and key industries were working at full pace for the first time this year.

Airlines to discuss third fare hike

GENEVA (Reuters). — Representatives of the world's airlines will meet in Montreux, Switzerland, next week to discuss the possibility of another fare increase to offset escalating fuel costs, a spokesman for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said yesterday.

The meeting, which will open on March 19 and last seven to 10 days, will consider a demand by several airlines for a further five per cent fare increase on top of two increases totalling 13 per cent already introduced this year.



Pit maintenance men Gary Bennet, left, and Peter Goodhall inspect the pit shaft and winding gear at Aske colliery in Doncaster, England, in preparation for yesterday's return to work by members of the National Union of Mine Workers following their strike. (AP radiophoto)

France to enter Indian Ocean

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
LONDON. — The French are dispatching a three-ship flotilla to ply the Indian Ocean. "Newsweek's" Peninsula section reports this week. The tricolour will be the newest flag to fly in the East-of-Suez waters left vacant by the withdrawal of the British Fleet. Vying with both the Russian and American fleets, the French flotilla, which includes a rocket-launching frigate, will be part of a larger naval force run from a floating command ship.

UK Archbishop will retire

LONDON (Reuters). — The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, yesterday announced his resignation on November 15 as leader of the Church of England and titular head of about 64 million Christians.

Dr. Ramsey became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1961 and will retire on reaching his 70th birthday.

15 die in Yugoslav coal mine explosion

BELGRADE (Reuters). — A rescue worker died on Sunday night while searching for survivors of a coal mine explosion in Eastern Yugoslavia which killed 14 miners, the Belgrade press reported yesterday. Press reports said that the rescue worker, a mine technician, suffocated in a pit at the Soko Mine near Sokobanja while rescue teams were looking for two men who were later found dead.

No accord on Korean Red Cross conference

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP). — South and North Korean delegates failed again yesterday to clear the way for resuming their deadlocked Red Cross talks on the reunion of separated families.

A South Korean spokesman said the North Korean side repeated its "malicious political propaganda" and refused to accept Seoul's proposal that the talks be resumed in the South Korean capital on April 9-10.

Body of official fired by Amin found in river

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP). — The body of the foreign minister whom President Idi Amin dismissed last month was recovered from the Nile River during the weekend.

The Kampala newspaper "Nation" said his death "raised a sense of profound fear in every citizen."

"The question now in most minds is 'What about the ordinary man?'" the paper said.

The government radio announced that the former minister, Lt.-Col. Michael Ondoga, was buried yesterday. But the announcement did not say what the post-mortem that Amin ordered found about the cause of death.

Ondoga had disappeared last Thursday.

Eire looks East

By DAVID LENNON
JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
LONDON. — Ireland and Lebanon have agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives. A decision on whether diplomatic missions will be established in the respective capitals, or ambassadors elsewhere will be accredited to Dublin and Beirut in addition to their current posting, is expected to be made within the coming weeks.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries have so far been confined to the level of honorary consuls.

The spokesman for the Irish Embassy in London, D. A. Gallagher, told me that, to the best of his knowledge, the Irish Government has no intention at this stage of establishing any diplomatic presence in Israel, not even the appointment of an honorary consul.

The Irish Government has been pursuing a more active overseas role recently, and plans to open an embassy in Moscow within a month. It also plans to expand its diplomatic representation in East Europe, and, hopefully, China, as well as East Africa and Latin America.

\$1m. in suitcase found at accident

SAN LUIS, Argentina (UPI). — A suitcase containing \$1m. was found at the scene of a car accident that took the lives of two men and gravely injured a woman travelling with them, police said yesterday.

The car turned over after a tire blowout as the three persons, all Argentinians, drove in the direction of Buenos Aires, some 800 kms. west of here.

Police said they were waiting for the injured woman to be able to answer questions.

Unrest flared up again at the university here yesterday as about 1,000 students gathered chanting anti-government slogans and waving banners.

They burned an effigy of Prime Minister Endalkatchew Makonnen. Riot police kept them inside the university grounds and cleared the square outside.

The students chanted — "Down with Endalkatchew." "Give us free

'Iron girls' join drive against Lin

PEKING (Reuters). — The "Iron girls," a team working at China's model farm production brigade, have struck a blow for frugality and against old customs in the campaign of criticism of Lin Biao and Confucius.

When they marry all they need is "a bamboo pole and two baskets, plus a complete set of the works of Mao Tse-tung," they said in the ideological journal, "Red Flag."

In their article they said they set an example in marrying late, no longer give or receive wedding gifts, and on festival days their families "recall the miserable life of the past and 'think of the good life of the present.'"

The girls attacked Lin Biao, the late defence minister whose alleged crimes include male chauvinism, for trying to "place the Confucian ropes once again around our necks to throw us back to the hell of the old society."

They compared the equal rights they enjoy today with the status of women in pre-Communist China, summed up in the local saying "the wife I've married and the horse I've bought are for me to beat and ride."

Marcos pardons Japanese WW2 straggler

MANILA (Reuters). — Hiroo Onoda, the Japanese World War Two straggler who obeyed a "no surrender" order and hid in the Philippine jungles for 29 years, yesterday received a full pardon from President Ferdinand Marcos.

Clapping the still-proud soldier around the shoulders, the President declared: "I have given complete and full pardon to Lieutenant Onoda for whatever violations he might have committed during the war until his surrender to military authorities last night."

Onoda, a second lieutenant in the defunct Japanese Imperial Army, gave himself up on Sunday — his 52nd birthday — after his former commanding officer showed him a copy of Emperor Hirohito's order to surrender.

Dressed in an old army uniform he had apparently sewn himself, Onoda was taken from Lubang Island to Manila and listened attentively as President Marcos — who had fought against the Japanese — welcomed him back into civilization.

"Thank you very much for receiving me very kindly," said Onoda through an interpreter.

Onoda, who had been given up as dead twice after fruitless searches following reports that he was alive, will be flown home today.

His father, 86-year-old Tanajiro Onoda, said in Japan that he would show his son his tombstone which was erected near his home in Wakana, Wakayama, in 1954. His 88-year-old mother is waiting to greet him, too.

Ethiopian students demand reforms

speech and press," and "down with U.S. imperialism."

The riot police acted with restraint in most cases and there was no firing, although a Reuters correspondent on the scene saw police kick a student to the ground and beat him.

In one case, a grinning policeman swung a cane inaccurately at retreating students' backsides, and they grinned back over their shoulders as they ran.

There was no immediate reason for the government abandoning its policy of confining students to their campus while tolerating their protest which have lasted for one week.

The Emperor declared at a press conference yesterday that he will accept political and economic changes giving the Ethiopian people a greater role in the affairs of their country.

At the height of the crisis, the Emperor, who has enjoyed almost

Venezuela expected to nationalize oil firms

CARACAS (Reuters). — Carlos Andres Perez, who takes over as President of Venezuela today, is expected to usher in a new era by nationalizing the foreign-owned oil industry.

Perez, 51, will be sworn in at a ceremony in the low, white colonial-style Congress Building overshadowed by giant skyscrapers which symbolize the riches oil has brought to Venezuela.

A host of ministers among visitors representing 70 countries will underline Venezuela's importance as the world's third largest oil exporting nation. (Israel's representative at the ceremony is Health Minister Victor Shenzov of Mapam.)

The U.S., which currently buys 35 per cent of its oil imports from Venezuela, is represented by Mrs. Pat Nixon.

Perez, former interior minister and leader of the right-of-centre Democratic Action Party, won 49 per cent of the poll last December to succeed President Rafael Caldera of the Social Christian Party as President for five years.

He has indicated that Venezuela has no alternative but to nationalize the oil industry, and his party is urging him to do so immediately. The industry, producing 3.35 million barrels daily, is almost totally in the hands of six foreign companies — the Creole Petroleum Corporation, an Exxon subsidiary, Royal Dutch Shell, the Mene Gran-

be Oil Company, a Gulf subsidiary, Sun Oil, Mobil and Texaco.

Their concessions are due to revert to the state by 1983, but with the companies unwilling to invest and develop for such a short return, politicians here argue the state will be left with an outdated and stagnant industry if waits until then.

Perez is believed to favour gradual nationalization on terms which will leave the companies working as agents for the state.

Chilean junta to 'renew society'

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Chile's military rulers, who yesterday completed six months in power, have published an outline here on their future policies, in which they call for a renovated society.

The armed forces overthrew Marxist President Salvador Allende's coalition government last September 11, and Allende died in the coup.

The junta said its mission was "to form a renovated society" and to create a new constitution with "adequate democratic solidity for the regime of the future." The document said: "Until this situation is attained it is necessary to regulate the party-political process."

All political party activity is banned at the moment.



2nd Lt. Hiroo Onoda gives an Imperial Japanese Army style salute as he surrenders in the Philippines on Sunday night, ending 29 years of hiding. (AP radiophoto)

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Reuniting Turkish, Greek Cypriots at 'crucial point'

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Representatives of Cyprus' Greek and Turkish communities have reached a "crucial point" in their negotiations to reunite the two communities, Greek Cypriot officials said here yesterday.

The chief Greek Cypriot negotiator, Glafkos Clerides, said in a speech on Sunday that the main stumbling block was the amount of local government autonomy to be allowed the Turkish community.

The Turks have administered their own affairs with funds from Turkey since the conflict between the two communities began 10 years ago and are unwilling to surrender much of the separate existence they have created.

Clerides is scheduled to meet his Turkish Cypriot opposite number, Rauf Denktaş, today to review a detailed report by their constitutional advisers from the Greek and Turkish governments.

The advisers have been trying to frame recommendations for a new constitution which would reunite the divided communities under a shared central government while allowing the Turkish Cypriots autonomy in education, religion and social matters.

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The tour will be to Arab communities, including two meetings with Arab dignitaries. At 8 a.m. a bus will leave ZOA House, Tel Aviv to Haifa, Ussifiya, Dailat-el-Carmel, Nazareth, and Kfar Kana, and return to Tel Aviv in the late afternoon.

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Mr. Yosef Ginzat, Deputy Adviser in the Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem.

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Soviets threaten U.S. to take their trade elsewhere

WASHINGTON — Soviet Foreign Minister Nikolai S. Patolichev yesterday threatened the Soviet Union will business elsewhere unless the U.S. grants it trade privileges.

Patolichev said in an interview with "U.S. and World Report."

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12 wives appeal for the Panovs

LONDON (Reuters). — The wives of 12 of the world's most prominent musicians, singers and actors have called on the Soviet Union to allow ballet dancers and Gaiina Panov to emigrate to Israel.

The wives of the Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, which we are appealing to you to make it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Panov to leave the country in the name of the best humanitarian ideals, justice for the sake of goodwill in the world which is working for improvement of international relations.

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Jordan cancels Kreisky visit because of plans to see Arafat

JERUSALEM POST STAFF — Jordanian Foreign Ministry yesterday said that the Socialist International Middle East mission's visit to Amman tomorrow has been put off indefinitely.

The ministry did not give a reason, but official sources attributed the postponement to the absence of King Hussein, who is currently in Washington.

Official observers, however, expressed the belief that the Jordanian cancelled the visit in view of Kreisky's reported plans to confer with PLO leader Yasser Arafat in the latter's capacity as chairman of the PLO, which claims sole representation of the Palestinians, including those in Jordan and the West Bank.

No progress in disengagement 1967 borders must be restored — Assad

NEW YORK (AP). — The Golan Heights must be restored to Syria along with the 1967 borders of the Heights, Syrian President Hafez Assad said in an interview published on Sunday in "Time" magazine.

But despite what he called Israel's aggressiveness and Premier Golda Meir's stubbornness, the Syrian President said "I am not pessimistic" about the overall chances for peace in the Middle East.

Interviewed in Damascus by Reddy Donovan, Time Inc. editor-in-chief, the 45-year-old Assad, former air force commander, was described as "showing some 'give' that was never there before in his firm attitude towards Israel and the question of Palestinian refugees."

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4 Arabs on trial in Berlin for terrorism

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Four Arabs accused of planning terrorist attacks on Jewish facilities in West Berlin went on trial in the city yesterday, with one of them claiming the other three were innocent.

The four, aged 18 to 33, are charged with coming from Beirut and crossing over from Communist East Berlin last October with a total of 10 kilograms of concealed explosives for use against the local El Al Airlines office, an Israeli-managed hotel, the West Berlin Immigration Bureau, and a night club.

Portugal's junior officers in ferment

LISBON (Reuters). — Portugal's armed forces have been placed in a state of alert over "internal disciplinary problems," an official spokesman said here yesterday.

The alert was called early on Saturday and affected the three armed services throughout the country. All troops were confined to barracks, the spokesman said, but he gave no further details, except to add that the problems leading to the alert were "almost resolved."

The situation stemmed from dissatisfaction among junior officers over pay and conditions aggravated by rumours of moves to be taken against General Antonio de Spínola, deputy chief of the armed forces general staff and author of the controversial book "Portugal and the Future," the sources said.

Medical care for PoWs same as for Israelis

JERUSALEM POST STAFF AND AGENCIES

Egyptian soldiers being treated at Belgrade hospitals have accused Israeli officers and doctors of torturing them when they were captured in the Sinai Desert, the Yugoslav news magazine "Nin" said yesterday.

Israel doctors also provided bogus medical attention which resulted in permanent injury to some of the patients, "Nin" alleged.

Asked for a reaction to the report, the Army Spokesman last night stated that all prisoners of war who underwent medical treatment in Israel were treated in exactly the same manner, and with the same devotion afforded to Israeli wounded.

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JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT

PARIS. — Police, who had mounted a tense 24-hour watch on an apartment building where a former mental patient was barricaded with two hostages, burst into the flat yesterday to discover that the man had killed the hostages and himself.

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Riot police and snipers yesterday besieged 38-year-old Santo Grasso, in an apartment building in a suburb of Paris. The man killed the two hostages he was holding and himself. The picture shows policemen covering a window of the flat. (AP radiophoto)

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He had killed two of his neighbours with an automatic pistol just because they had complained he was too noisy. He then fled to the apartment of Mrs. Monique Gomer, who as police said was his former mistress, and the anxious round-the-clock siege began.

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HISTADRUT STARTS AGAIN

THE Histadrut yesterday inaugurated the coming four-year period with a festive mass opening of its national convention in Jerusalem. Acting Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel outlined what he sees as the Histadrut's aims: a family of 1.2m. people, hoping soon to become 1.5m., clustering around working places in whose progress the employees have well-developed economic as well as social interest.

Mr. Meshel sought a firm hand in negotiations with employers, and the Government employer in particular, and consideration for the underprivileged. The deeper aim of the Histadrut should be to educate man to love work, without becoming the slave of the dictatorship of the machine. It is an admirable aim, but something of a counsel of perfection. We need new ideas, he said, "new winds," and these are not easy to define or put into action.

The Histadrut has also been through a four-year period of constant pressures under the leadership of Yitzhak Ben-Aharon — who hoped to restore to the Histadrut the political ambitions of its founding fathers half a century ago, when there was a British government in this country and the Histadrut combined the functions of ministries of labour, development, education and welfare.

Mr. Meshel knows the practical

difficulties involved in the improvement of the worker's condition. These stem not only from the employers but also from political opponents within. Mapam had already made it known that it seeks the key position of the Trades Union Department head for one of its members, presumably Mr. Nathan Ben-Moshe, who is deeply imbued with the need for visible action in the form of protests and strikes.

Mr. Ben-Aharon had complained in his time that the Labour Party gives little consideration nowadays to the future of the Histadrut. Had the Labour leadership listened attentively to Mr. Ben-Aharon's stated aims before he accepted the job, they should have known he would not rubber-stamp party moves. Mr. Meshel has undoubtedly given much thought to the Histadrut; but even if he is considered a faithful adherent of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's party machine, his Histadrut will be no docile instrument of the Finance Ministry.

The Histadrut has a logic of its own, and its effective operation is essential far beyond the regulation of labour affairs, important as these are. Well directed, it may protect weaker sections of the population from hardship in the coming problematical years, and help reconstruct an economy unbalanced by the special priorities of war. Extremist handling of its affairs may cause its destruction and the end of the dream of the workers' commonwealth. The rapidly changing scene in labour relations in the western world, to which we are closely linked, and in Israel itself, no longer permits simple improvisation.

POSTSCRIPTS

ONCE upon a time, the Histadrut was an exclusive organisation. One had to be introduced by a member in good standing (I remember that my sponsor was the office-boy of the establishment in which I worked). One wore a blue shirt, sang "Techezkana" with bursting emotion and proudly, if with difficulty, learned the Hebrew words of the "International".

But who wears a blue shirt nowadays and who sings "Techezkana"? Only the left-wing youth movements. The glory has departed. Most people join the Histadrut today for the sake of Kupat Holim and its free medical services (rarely service with a smile). And our labour leaders have discarded their blue shirts or embroidered rubandshas in favour of the bourgeois turtle-neck sweater.

However, the auditorium of Bin-Zion's last night resounded with the stirring melodies and we sang along with our comrades, for the sake of old lang syne. F.D.

NOW that Mr. Harold Wilson is again Britain's Prime Minister, we hope he will remember what he said in December 1972 when he came to Israel with his wife for a week's visit, to visit their son Giles who was working as a volunteer at Kibbutz Yagur.

"There'll be no change in my favourable position on Israel, when I'm back in power. There never has been," he said, when asked why British leaders tended to support Israel when they were out of power.

Twenty-five year old Giles Wilson, a bearded teacher of mathematics and science, worked in the kibbutz for six months. He explained that he had felt the need to do some voluntary service and had chosen to work in a kibbutz rather than teach in some other country. F.F.

WOMEN from the English-speaking countries have a tradition of voluntary work and it is this, apparently, which keeps them young and energetic far beyond their time. At least so it would appear in the case of Mrs. Annie Kaplan — an ex-South African — to whom a plaque was unveiled at the Alyn Hospital, Jerusalem, on the occasion of her 88th birthday, to mark her continuous devotion to the crippled children, for whom the hospital cares.

The plaque was donated by Mrs. Kaplan's fellow-grandmothers of the Savta Club, whose main efforts are concentrated on providing the children at the Alyn Hospital with some of the little luxuries that other children have — like watches for their birthdays — and some of those essentials which make their lives a little easier — like self-propelled wheelchairs.

The Club would like to have new members because, although, like old soldiers, old volunteers never die, they do, unfortunately, fade away. So if there are any new immigrant grandmothers looking for outlets for their superfluous energy, here is their opportunity. Israeli grandmothers are also very welcome, especially if they wish to improve their English while showing that the spirit of voluntary work is not confined exclusively to "Anglo-Saxons". D.S.

THE grass is always greener in someone else's garden and dissatisfied Israelis who think that life may be easier in Canada should take note of the reply received from the editor of a Montreal newspaper by a would-be emigrant: "Life here for an immigrant with limited resources is not all that simple. The fact that you are fluent in French is an asset if you wish to live in Quebec, completely useless in Toronto or in any other part of Canada. The Jewish community of Montreal... is in the English-speaking milieu... Then there is the matter of education for your boys since they are not small children and there would be some difficulty in the schools... Incidentally, the flats you read about for \$140 a month are not exactly quality residential living and are mainly located in completely French districts where the schools are Catholic."

The reader who sent us the letter from the editor of "The Suburban" ("largest weekly circulation in Montreal and suburbs") suggests — to his credit it must be admitted since he himself had asked for information about immigrant absorption possibilities in Canada — that the full reply be made available in Hebrew, as well. F.D.

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The new government

Ha'aretz (non-party) notes that the parliamentary vote of confidence received by the government by no means a guarantee of public confidence. The public has a right to demand that the new-old government deal with the issues of the hour with full responsibility, even if there is some doubt whether it is capable of doing so. The government faces both a strengthened parliamentary opposition and a distinct lack of support from wide sections of the public, particularly mobilized soldiers. Only intelligent action and tangible achievements can transform the temporary nature of its mandate to lead a nation. (Histadrut) regards the

SOVIET role in Syria troubles U.S.

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READERS' LETTERS

HOW TO HELP ABSORPTION

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — According to your report of February 20, Dr. Raanan Weitz suggests housing estates for immigrants of similar background because mixing doesn't work.

Like many immigrants, I came as a single, served in the Army and lived in various areas where I was the only American. Six and a half years later, living on the most heterogeneous kibbutz I have ever seen, married and the mother of two, I can tell Dr. Weitz his idea won't work. When you put a group of Americans, or Eastern Europeans, or whatever together, the problems of one family become epidemic and you end up with mass return home instead of mass immigration.

There is nothing wrong with Americans associating with Americans, or French with French, etc. But they all deserve the chance to meet and live with one another and not live in little America.

One thing that is helpful is giving the individual or family an adopted veteran family from their country of origin. It doesn't make up for the family left behind, but it is nice having a family who has been through it all and understands. I often wonder if I would be here today without the understanding of my family.

It is high time we should all realize that to build a nation, we must each give and not just take.

ALIZA BEN LAPID
Kibbutz Merom Golan, February 21.

Young admirer of Dayan

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Perhaps you may not consider a letter from me worth bothering about, for I am a 15-year-old girl in the tenth grade. But I feel so strongly about something that I am unable to resist the temptation of expressing my feelings. I am an immigrant from the U.S. and have lived for the past two years in Israel, and I love this country with all my heart.

As an American-born Jew, I always regarded Moshe Dayan as Israel's greatest hero and as the symbol of modern Israel. I thought of him with pride from the time I was a child of eight during the Six Day War and I knew that he had been a hero in the Sinai Campaign before I was even born. When I left America, my friends joked that maybe I'd meet Moshe Dayan, and how I hoped I would! I never did, though, but I never felt afraid, living here in Israel. We had our Government and our Army to protect us and when I thought of that, the face I saw in my mind was Dayan's. And I was not alone. Everybody liked Dayan, everybody respected him.

So, when after the Yom Kippur War, I found that almost all Israel had suddenly turned against him and made him their scapegoat, I experienced first deep shock and then a blazing anger. And now, when people speak admiringly of the

Radio advertising

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On the one hand, Mr. Sapir presented a short budget with cuts in the domestic sector to curtail inflationary spending. On the other hand, Kol Israel carries daily advertisements geared to stimulate the more to pay for our necessities. This anachronism in economic approach is bewildering and the conflicting messages are painful to the vast majority of Israelis who are having enough trouble to pay for necessities.

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ADENA POTOX
Jerusalem, February 17.

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hypothetical subsidy cannot be considered before a whole series of priorities, such as defence, education, welfare, etc. At any rate, it is doubtful whether it is even desirable for the Government to pay for the media's deficits, in accordance with the proverb that "He who pays the piper calls the tune."

We were to follow this road, the Broadcasting Authority would really become an instrument of Government, which was not the Knesset's intention when it passed the enabling legislation governing radio and TV. All this is irrespective of the substantive question as to whether a society without advertising would be a better one.

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KISSINGER STILL HOPEFUL

participation in all stages of Middle East negotiations, called again for total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territory, and declared that Syria has the right to use "all effective measures" to liberate its occupied territories.

The hard line of the communiqué did not surprise American officials but has left them puzzled about Soviet intentions. On the one hand, the Russians seem to be backing up a belligerent Syrian posture, including its massive border troop buildup. But on the other hand, they have not, to date at least, registered any crippling opposition to the American initiative to reach a disengagement.

Some American officials view the problem of the Soviet stance as one mostly of protocol, delicate but not serious enough to stop the American effort. They note Soviet sensitivity to the image of Gromyko following Kissinger around the Arab capitals, and their annoyance that

the Mid-East talks in Geneva, under joint Soviet-American auspices, have been all but replaced by the American mediating role embodied in Secretary Kissinger himself, wherever he may be.

Partly for that reason, Kissinger is leaving open the possibility that once the disengagement talks are begun here, they may be transferred to Geneva or another location outside of Washington. American sources are still suggesting that the first round of talks may last no more than four or five days but they also admit that the scheduling remains wide open.

Another element clouding the prospects but not halting the planned talks is the apparent Egyptian failure to persuade the Arab oil-producing countries to lift their embargo against the United States. There has been no official American reaction to the delay, although officials still hope that the oil producers' meeting, now apparently

slated for tomorrow in Tripoli, will prove more productive from the American view. Besides feeling pressing need for the Arab oil itself, the administration wants to show of good faith from the Arab who had linked the lifting of the embargo to the American role in getting Israeli-Syrian talks under way.

This week will be crucial in setting the stage for progress in the talks, according to American officials. Besides the expected Tripoli meeting tomorrow, there will be visits here today of Jordan's King Hussein and of Foreign Minister Abba Eban on Thursday. After the continuing behind-the-scenes contact among Washington, Damascus, Cairo, Jerusalem and Moscow — including the possibility that Kissinger will leave for Moscow by the weekend in advance of the disengagement talks — will determine whether the continued American hopefulness on the negotiations is justified.

Minority governments are sensitive to public opinion

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